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ADDENDUM

To Fiscal Note on LCO No. 7571
SB-1067, File No. 465

AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HEALTH CARE STAFFING.

The underlying fiscal note on the amendment indicated the state could incur additional costs related to the staffing committee requirements established in section one. Such costs include the following and are described below.

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) does not currently operate Hospital Staffing Committees at the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center Hospital, or the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities. The anticipated total cost to the State for DCF to establish and operate two Hospital Staffing Committees, and comply with data and reporting requirements, is estimated at \$441,488 in FY 24 and \$432,025 in FY 25. These totals reflect salaries for two Quality Assurance Managers (\$173,712 in FY 24 and \$178,055 in FY 25), salaries for two Administrative Assistants (\$121,406 in FY 24 and \$124,441 in FY 25), associated fringe benefits (\$126,370 in FY 24 and \$129,529 in FY 25), and a one-time cost for pamphlets and fliers to notify staff of committees (\$20,000 in FY 24).

The costs to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) include a Quality Assurance Manager and Administrative

Assistant totaling approximately \$147,600 in FY 24 and \$151,300 in FY 25 (with associated fringe costs of \$63,200 and \$64,800, respectively), to support the additional requirements related to the staffing committees. Committee staffing and coverage costs are anticipated to include up to \$7,480 per occurrence if a nurse from each of Whiting's 11 units attends.

To the extent that agency staffing plans go to arbitration, the state would experience related costs.

Section 1 of the amendment also allows an RN to object or refuse to participate in any activity, policy, practice, or task the hospital assigns, in certain circumstances. These provisions are effective October 1, 2023. This could also increase the cost to the state to the extent the hospital incurs increased liability costs.